

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- ♦ Improve or protect water quality by controlling nonpoint source pollution
- ♦ Demonstrate acceptable water quality management principles, sound design and appropriate procedures
- ♦ Yield benefits at a level commensurate with project costs for the benefit of the state
- ♦ Have an on-the-ground implementation component within the state of Arizona
- ♦ Provide for at least 40 percent of the project costs as non-federal match
- ♦ Support the ADEQ, Water Quality Division Mission

PROJECT EXAMPLES

- ♦ Minimizing nonpoint source discharges from irrigated crop lands
- ♦ Implementing best management practices to minimize sediment discharges from forest fires
- ♦ Using filter / buffer strips as revegetating riparian corridors to protect water quality
- ♦ Restoring over utilized rangelands or fencing critical areas for water quality protection



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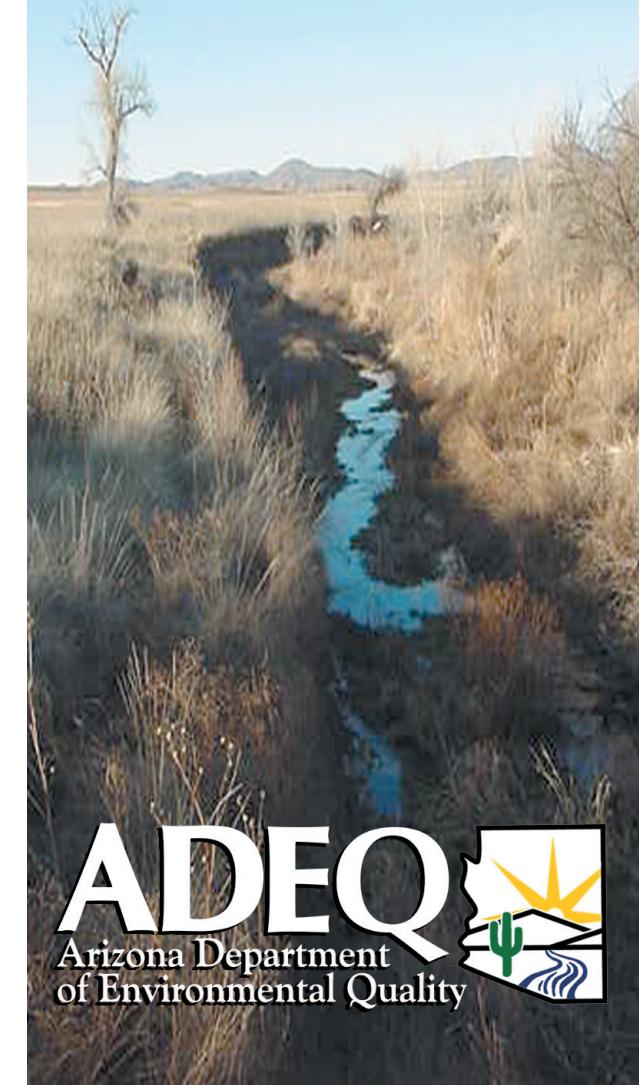


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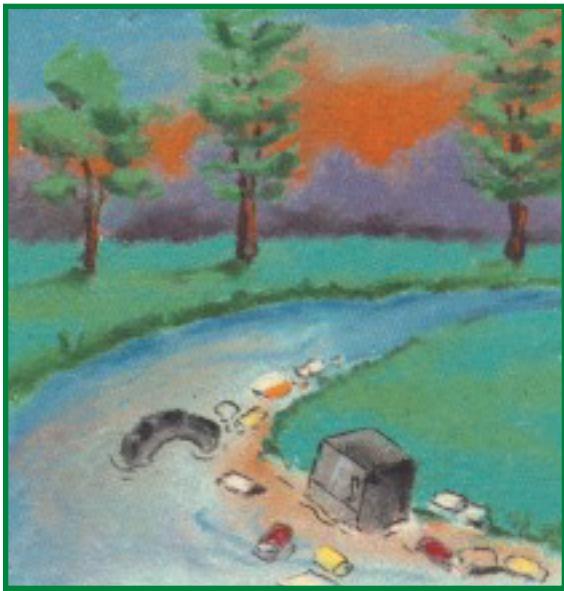
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Working together to protect our State's waters



ADEQ WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM



NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION is polluted runoff that occurs when rainfall, snowmelt or irrigation water runs over land or through the ground, picks up pollutants and deposits them into rivers and lakes or introduces them into groundwater.

"The Water Quality Improvement Grant Program provides much-needed funding at the local level to implement creative approaches to improve watersheds. Through federal, state and local partnership, we are achieving cleaner, safer waters and ensuring the long-term integrity of Arizona's precious water resources."

Steve Owens
ADEQ Director



NATURE CONSERVANCY'S THREE LINKS FARM RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION

This 2002 ADEQ funded project provided \$137,896 to create and fence a riparian management zone to protect and enhance riparian habitat and water quality conditions.

Three Links Farms
Southwest Willow Fly Catcher Territory



"We are working on the Three Links Farm to improve watershed conditions by creating a fenced management zone along the stream channel and restricting alluvial groundwater pumping and development density. Our goal is to restore perennial instream flows and associated riparian habitat and water quality."

Barbara Clark



Devastation of Rodeo Chediski Fire

THE ARIZONA COMMUNITY TREE COUNCIL was awarded \$413,640 in 2003 to provide trees and other vegetation, at no cost, to private property owners whose vegetation was destroyed by the Rodeo Chediski fire.

Seedlings being grown for ground-cover revegetation and erosion control in fire devastated areas.



"The ADEQ Water Quality Grant has enabled us to educate many of the private property owners which had their property destroyed by the Rodeo Chediski Fire of 2001. During the first year, we provided 42,875 trees to 370 property owners covering over 2,125 acres. We plan to double the number of trees, grasses, and shrubs in 2004 to control runoff and improve water quality in the Colorado and the Salt Watersheds."

Ron Romatzke